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It is true that the materials from which the Constitution was framed are so familiar and, generally speaking, so complete that we find little that is new in the book. But Mr. Meigs has thrown an interesting side light on the proceedings in the convention, by reproducing in fac-simile the so-called Randolph draft of the Constitution and which he considers to be the one (or one of two) used in the Committee of Detail of which Randolph was a member. As indicating the development or modification of ideas brought forward in the convention and as showing how they were reflected in the committee, this document is very interesting and helps in rounding out our knowledge of transactions which have since so greatly affected our national welfare.

Altogether Mr. Meigs is to be congratulated on his excellent performance of a laborious task and his publishers are to be thanked for issuing a book the type of which is easy and pleasant to read.

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NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASES. By ARCHIBALD CHURCH, M.D., of the Northwestern University Medical School, and FREDERICK PETERSON, M.D., of the Woman's Medical College, New York. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. 1899.

In common with all the books published by this firm, this volume is an excellent presentation of the subject in question. The numerous illustrations scattered throughout the text add materially to the interest, and the subject-matter is ably and thoroughly discussed. While having no direct bearing upon law, there is much both of interest and value to the legal expert contained within the book, especially with reference to insanity and mental and moral depravity.

A REVIEW OF RECENT LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, DRUGGISTS AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH. By W. A. PARRINGTON. New York: E. B. Treat & Co. 1899.

The author of this little volume has condensed into a limited space much of intrinsic value to both medical and legal men. The relations of medicine to law have, unfortunately, been but imperfectly understood, and any contribution that will more clearly define the mutual bearings of the two professions must be a welcome addition to medico-legal science. This result can best be arrived at by reference to the recent decisions in important cases, and in the present volume we find a *résumé* of some of the latest medical legislation. The subjects dealt with include the need of examining boards and their qualifications; the relations of medicine to dentistry, Christian Science and osteopathy; fees, and the legitimate value of medical services rendered; the scope of the term "malpractice;" the value of X-ray photographs as evidence in surgical cases; the unauthorized use of physicians' names in the advertising of proprietary medicines, and many other equally as interesting and